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4. While Selbmann's and Bertsch's opposition did not prevent the establishment of the Arbeitskreise, and probably would not prevent them from becoming an official government agency extending into every sector of East German industry, the strong criticism embodied in their opposition resulted in a change in the status of the Arbeitskreise. Panning and Ahbe, and later Professor Lange, had intended that the Arbeitskreise would be a part of ZAFI and responsible only to the head of ZAFI. The final agreement, however, reached after long debates between ZAFI and the State Planning Commission and representatives of the respective ministries, provided that the Arbeitskreise were to be advisory bodies for the ministries and not for ZAFI, with the stipulation that ZAFI representatives take part in the meetings.

5. The decree, as it was presented to the Council of Ministers, included the

- b. The Arbeitskreise are to become an essential part of production and research planning.
- c. Coordination of research and development in their individual fields is one of the main tasks of the Arbeitskreise.
- d. An Arbeitskreis is responsible for controlling the carrying out of research and development projects in its field.
- e. It is also responsible for the evaluation of the results of research and development in its field.
- f. The Arbeitskreis will also study the question of the introduction of research and development results into production.
- g. The Arbeitskreise will organize personnel and material in scientific-officer research and development institutes, offices or enterprises in its field.

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- Neither the government representative nor the ZAFT representative carries a vote in the deliberations of the Arbeitskreise. The heads and deputy heads of the Arbeitskreise are usually selected from among the leading scientists or technicians in the special Arbeitskreis field. The secretary of the Arbeitskreis in most cases is a scientific colleague of the Arbeitskreis head. In some cases, a Ministry official was appointed secretary of an Arbeitskreis. Until the end of 1953, ZAFT in most cases appointed the Arbeitskreis heads in cooperation with the appropriate ministry. The tendency now is that these persons are appointed by the Ministry after deliberations with ZAFT.

7. The Arbeitskreise convene a minimum of four times per year. In the following year. This session establishes the figure (Kontrollziffer), i.e. the target figure for research and development in the entire field of the Arbeitskreis. This session also elaborates the propositions for the research projects to be undertaken in the following plan year. These propositions include the research themes, the personnel engaged in the projects, the research installations and the research material involved. In another session, usually held in September, the Arbeitskreis deliberates about additional propositions concerning the planning of research for the following plan year stemming from the organizational units of the Ministries, and from ZAFI. In this session a final vote is taken on the ultimate propositions to be made by the Arbeitskreis to the Ministries and to ZAFI. A fourth session, which takes place in December of a year or in January of the following year, is mainly engaged in an evaluation of the results of research and development during the preceding twelve months and in recommendations to be made for introduction of these results in the quickest possible way into production.

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8. Every Arbeitskreis includes several Arbeitsgruppen. Every Arbeitsgruppe is concerned with a special problem or special problems falling into the general field of the Arbeitskreis to which the Arbeitsgruppe belongs. The Arbeitsgruppe is composed of the following persons:

- a. Head of the Arbeitsgruppe, usually a specialist in the special problem of the Arbeitsgruppe.
- b. Deputy head, also a specialist.
- c. Members of the Arbeitsgruppe:
  - 1) Scientific and technical experts who are working on the special problem of the Arbeitsgruppe.
  - 2) From one to three experts from those industrial sectors which produce the raw materials involved in the field of the Arbeitsgruppe.
  - 3) Industrial representatives called by the head of the Arbeitsgruppe.

The Arbeitsgruppe convenes about once every two months. In these sessions, all work in progress in the special industrial fields for which the Arbeitsgruppe is competent, is discussed. Every expert gives a progress report on his work and the Arbeitsgruppe as a whole discusses and criticizes it favorably or unfavorably. If new research work is considered, the Arbeitsgruppe makes recommendations about the economic necessity of the new work and the funds needed for it. As a result of the sessions of the Arbeitsgruppen, their heads make reports to the Arbeitskreise about the progress of the work carried out in all installations under the responsibility of the Arbeitsgruppen. They also make recommendations concerning new research projects. It also is the responsibility of the Arbeitsgruppen to prepare the above-mentioned sessions of the Arbeitskreise.

9. The following is a list of Arbeitskreise. This list is not complete.

- a. Arbeitskreis Chemiefasern (Chemical Fibers)

Head, Dr. Klare (fnu) of the Faserforschungsinstitut, in Teltow-Seehof.  
Deputy head, Dr. Hunyar (fnu), of the same institute.  
Secretary; position not occupied.

- b. Arbeitskreis Textiltechnik (Textile Technology)

Head, Professor Walter Frenzel of Dresden Technical University.  
Deputy head, Chief Engineer Johannes Walther, Institute for Textile Technology in Karl-Marx-Stadt.  
Secretary, Wittik (fnu) of the Ministry for Light Industry.

- c. Arbeitskreis Leder, Schuhe und Rauchwaren (Leather, Shoes and Furs)

Head, Professor Stather (fnu), German Leather Institute, in Freiberg (Saxony).  
Deputy head, Merz (fnu) of VEB Projektierungsbuero der Leder-Industrie in Borsdorf, near Leipzig.  
Secretary, Gerasch (fnu) of the Ministry for Light Industry.

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- d. Arbeitskreis Holz und Faserbaustoffe (Wood and Fiber Building Material)

Head, Professor Herbert Flemming, Institute for Wood Technology and Fiber Building Material, in Dresden. ✓  
Deputy head, Chief Engineer Schallenberg (fnu), of VEB Hartpappenwerk in Polenz (Saxony).  
Secretary, Trautvetter (fnu), of the Ministry for Light Industry.

- e. Arbeitskreis Zellstoff und Papier (Cellulose and Paper)

Head, Professor Schwabe (fnu), of Dresden Technical University.  
Deputy head, Dr. Iwanow (fnu), of the Institute for Cellulose and Paper in Herdenau (Saxony).  
Secretary: position not occupied.

- f. Arbeitskreis Graphische Technik (Graphic Technology)

Head, Dr. habil. Rupp (fnu), Institute for Graphic Technology in Leipzig.  
Deputy head, Gasch (fnu), same institute.  
Secretary, Mueller (fnu), of the Ministry for Light Industry, until August 1953; position unoccupied after that date.

- g. Arbeitskreis Plastwerkstoffe (Plastic Material)

Head, Dr. Thinius (fnu), Institute for Organic Chemistry, in Magdeburg.  
Deputy head, Chief Engineer Kunze (fnu), Research and Development Institute Espenheim, near Leipzig. ✓

- h. Arbeitskreis Musikinstrumentenbau (Construction of Musical Instruments)

Head, Dr. Meinel (fnu), Institute for the Construction of Musical Instruments, in Zwota (Saxony)  
Deputy head, Seidel (fnu), VVB Musik, Plauen (Vogtland)  
Secretary; position not occupied.

- i. Arbeitskreis Zwischenprodukte (Intermediary Products)

- j. Arbeitskreis Schaedlingsbekaempfung [REDACTED]  
Head, Professor Fuerst (fnu), Dresden Technical University.

- k. Arbeitskreis Photochemie (Photo Chemistry)

- l. Arbeitskreis Hochfrequenz (High Frequency)

- m. Arbeitskreis Elektroakustik (Electro-Acoustics)

Head, Professor Rheinhardt (fnu), Dresden Technical University.

- n. Arbeitskreis Mess-Regel-und Prueftechnik (Measurement, Control and Testing Technology)

Head, Dipl.Eng. Brittal (fnu), VEB Askania, Teltow. ✓

- o. Arbeitskreis Fahrzeugbau (Vehicle Construction)

In preparation

- p. Arbeitskreis Feinmechanik-und Optik (Precision and optical instruments) [REDACTED]

In preparation.

- q. Arbeitskreis Werkzeugmaschinen (Machine Tools).

In preparation.

- r. Arbeitskreis Grundlagenforschung (Fundamental Research)

In preparation.

- s. Arbeitskreis Geophysik (Geophysics)

In preparation.

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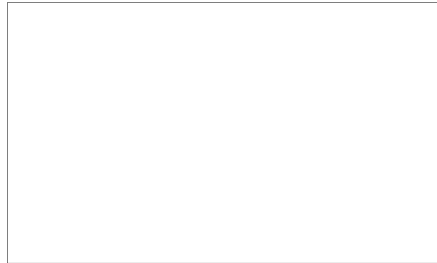
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1.   comment: Neither of the two men was selected. The new State Secretariat - meanwhile also dissolved and taken over as Production Area Chemistry in the Ministry for Heavy Industry - was given to Dr. Winkler (fmu), former head of VEB Kunstseidewerk Friedrich Engels in Premnitz, Kreis Rathenow.

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